Boggs Defends Findings Of Warren Commission

Rep. Hale Boggs, a member of the Warren Commission, says he doubts that the investigation of President John F. Kennedy's assassination should be reopened without new evidence.

Boggs, a Louisiana Democrat, said yesterday on the CBS program "Face the Nation" that in all the controversy surrounding the commission's report, he has found no basic question not already raised by the commission.

But he said, "If new evidence can be presented, it should be looked at objectively."

He suggested, however, that "a totally objective group of doctors and others" might look at the X rays taken of Kennedy's body during the autopsy.

"The only thing that I have seen that has been presented in all of these books, essays, speeches, comments, has been the fact that the commission did not look at the X rays of the President's body made at the autopsy," Boggs said.

"Of course the members of the commission themselves are not doctors. Looking at them, just looking at X rays would not prove anything to me. I don't know how to read medical X rays. We brought before the commission the man who performed the autopsy. We examined him in great detail.

"Now, if it would please anyone, if it would help to clarify any doubts that may exist in the minds of objective people, then I would say that if the attorney general or some appropriate authority wants to appoint a totally objective group to—of doctors and others—to look into these X rays, maybe it should be done."